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Welcome to our Synagogue

פרשת אחרי-קדושים Shabbat Ahare Mot-Kedoshim

Shabbat April 29th 2023, ח' אייר תשפ"ג / 8 Iyar 5783  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	6:40 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Early Shabbat	7:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Standard	7:58 p.m.
שחרית מניין החיד"א (וטיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	5:25 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:30 a.m.
שחרית Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim	6:20 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:05 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	7:35 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	9:06 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:14 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:44 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:18 pm

### Weekday Services

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	שחרית Shacharit Weekdays
וטיקין Vatikin 5:45 a.m.	וטיקין Vatikin 5:45 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim 8:00 a.m.	מקדימים Makdimim 6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim 9:00 a.m.	קבועים Kebuim 8:00 a.m.
	מנחה Mincha 6:40 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Mincha

### Mazal Tov

Mr. & Mrs. Victor and Ilana Arrobas on the Bar Mitzva of their son, Yosef Chaim  
Proud Grand-Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Max and Nadine Arrobas, Mrs. Carole Bahr

Mr. & Mrs. Raffi and Yael Wiesen on the birth of a baby boy  
Proud Grand-Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ze'ev and Helene Saban and Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Susan Wiesen  
Great Grandmother: Mrs. Cyla Wiesen

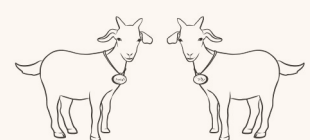
### Birthdays this week

Ovadia Ruth Dayan, Adina Benquesus,  
Yeshua Serruya, Tanya Lalou,  
Perla Abtan, Eliran Benchetrit,  
Sandy Volgyi, Ze'ev Saban,  
Elizabeth Saporta

קדושים



אחרי מנחה



## Nahalot

Menora Tabesh ז"ל **10 Iyar** / Monday May 1st  
Chaim Moshe Bitton bar Avraham ז"ל, Reuven Shemesh ז"ל **11 Iyar** /  
Tuesday May 2nd  
Moshe Revivo ז"ל, Alice Benmergui ז"ל, Estrella Sibony ז"ל,  
Estrella Laredo ז"ל **12 Iyar** / Wednesday May 3rd  
Solomon Oziel ז"ל, Judith Kay ז"ל **13 Iyar** / Thursday May 4th  
Albert Ben-Assor ז"ל **14 Iyar** / Friday May 5th

## Nahalot for the following week

Rasel Azuz ז"ל, Chana Assayag Levy ז"ל, Nissim Edery ז"ל, Shimon  
Darvishpour ז"ל **15 Iyar** / Shabbat May 6th  
Sultana Keslassy ז"ל, Jane Esther Benisti ז"ל **17 Iyar** / Monday May 8th  
Freha Zrihen ז"ל **19 Iyar** / Wednesday May 10th  
Abraham Kozai ז"ל, Alicia Hassan ז"ל **20 Iyar** / Thursday May 11th

## Synagogue News

### Pirke Avot

This week's week's Perek Shelishi will be recited by  
**Adam Ruben Benarroch**. Hazak U'Baruch!

### Shabbat Kiddush

Kiddushim bring everyone together on multiple levels and we  
are thrilled to welcome everyone to SKC for a congregational  
Shabbat Kiddush. Anyone interested in sponsoring all or part of  
a kiddush or even helping us enhance the weekly kiddush is  
asked to call the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or send an e-mail  
to [social@kehilacentre.com](mailto:social@kehilacentre.com).

This week's congregational Kiddush is sponsored by  
**Mr. & Mrs. Victor and Ilana Arrobas in honour of the Bar  
Mitzva of their son, Yosef Chaim**  
*Everyone is Welcome*

### Seuda Shelishit

Over the past few months, the Divre Torah during Seuda  
Shelishit have tackled interesting and thought-provoking topics.  
Joins us after Mincha on Shabbat to hear this week's insight.

This week's Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by  
- **the Abtan family, in memory of Albert Ben-Assor z"l**  
- **Joseph Bitton, in memory of his Father, Chaim Moshe Bitton  
bar Abraham z"l**  
- **Leon Sibony, in memory of his mother Estrella Sibony z"l**  
*Everyone is Welcome*

### Mesilat Yesharim - Back for another summer!

Men and women are invited for another summer to hear words of inspi-  
ration and Torah values from the book Mesilat Yesharim. Join Rabbi  
Kadoch every Shabbat, 45 minutes before Tehilim, to absorb the pro-  
found words of this masterpiece.

**Begins this week at 620pm in the main synagogue.**  
See flyer at back.

### Summer Schedule Reminder

A reminder to everyone that we are now on summer scheduling  
for daily tefila.  
Early Mincha, followed by Arvit.

### Early Risers, Early Gainers

Rabbi Kadoch's Shabbat morning Shiur prior to Shaharit  
continues this Shabbat at 8:30am.

### Tefilot and Piyutim

Come join the young boys of the community, led by  
Adam Ohayon, and learn the songs and melodies that make our  
services unique. Tefilot and Piyutim runs at the same time as  
Tehilim on Shabbat. To have your child participate, bring him  
30 minutes before Mincha on Shabbat afternoon.

### Shabbat Kids Program

We encourage parents to bring their children to the program  
knowing they are well taken care of by our experienced staff.  
We have a fresh new program and exciting activities to entertain  
the children. Kehila Kidz program is located in the Lower Level  
Social Hall (Restaurant) and will run from 10:00 am until 12:00  
pm (noon) on Shabbat.

Please remember that your children are your responsibility while  
at SKC and that if they are not participating in the children's  
program, that they should be sitting with you. We appreciate  
your understanding and cooperation.

### Weekly Shiurim


Parashat HaShavua - Thursdays @8pm HYBRID\*  
Hilchot Shabbat - Shabbat at 8:30am Main Synagogue  
Gemara Sanhedrin - Sundays at 7:15am Downstairs synagogue  
**Zachary Benatar**  
Weekly on Mondays @ 2:45pm: Parasha (men and women)

# Bar Mitzva Club

Learning and sports  
with Rabbi Pinto  
Tuesday nights  
6:10 - 7:45 pm

Sephardic Kehila Centre  
Lower level midrash

Sponsorships Available



## Ahare Mot-Kedoshim 5783 - Knowing when to step back

Rabbi David Kadoch

The Parasha begins with a directive to Moshe to tell his brother Aharon that he is not to enter the "Kodesh" at will whenever he pleases because doing so will result in certain death. דְּבַר אֱלֹהִים אֶחָד וְאֶל־יִבְיָא בְּכָל־עֵת אֶל־הַקֹּדֶשׁ מִבֵּית לְפָרֶכֶת אֶל־פְּנֵי הַפֶּתַח אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאֹרֶן וְלֹא יָמוּת כִּי בָעֵינִי אֶרְאֶה עַל־הַפֶּתַח:

The question is raised - Why preface this command by mentioning that it was after the death of Aharon's two sons - אחרי מות אחרי מות? The prohibition to enter the "Kodesh" is uncorrelated to Aharon's sons' deaths and questions the opening words of our Parasha.

Rashi addresses this and states: "Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah illustrated this by a parable: It may be compared to the case of a sick person whom the physician visited. He (the physician) said to him: "Do not eat cold things nor sleep in a damp place!" Another physician came and said to him: "Do not eat cold things, nor sleep in a damp place so that you may not die as Mr. So-and-so died!" Certainly this (the latter) put him on his guard more than the former; that is why Scripture states "after the death of the two sons of Aaron" - In other words, don't put yourself in a precarious situation that could lead you to harm. If you want proof, look at your two sons.

In addition to Rashi's commentary, I feel that there's another connection based on an idea that is worth addressing. Sometimes we are faced with episodes in our life that are unexplainable. Most of the time, these are tragedies that affect our well-being and emotional state. Terror attacks, untimely deaths/injuries, or suffering of children. Our first reaction is to question Hashem and his reasons. Because why would He bring this upon His people? The problem in doing so is that we risk, God forbid, doubting Hashem's existence and providence among all beings. A good example of this can be seen in a story in the Talmud. The story of Aher and the boy falling off the tree is a Talmudic tale that is associated with the life of Elisha ben Avuyah, who was also known as Aher ("the other"). According to the story, Aher was walking with his student, Rabbi Meir, when they saw a boy climb up a tree to gather eggs from a bird's nest. The boy lost his balance and fell to his death. Aher was deeply troubled by the boy's death and wondered why such a tragedy had befallen him, especially since the Torah promises a reward to those who perform the mitzvah of Shiluah HaKen. He began to doubt the efficacy of Jewish law and tradition, and eventually left the Jewish community to pursue his own philosophical and spiritual path.

The death of Aharon's two sons is one of those tragedies. Two shining lights almost equal to Moshe and Aharon. They possessed levels of holiness that very few in this world could ever attain which makes it more difficult to comprehend why Hashem had to take them at such a young age. The typical reaction might be to seek Hashem and question His ways and/or doubt his graciousness and goodness. Therefore the Torah tells Aharon, the father of the two, אל תִּכְנֹס לַקֹּדֶשׁ - don't enter the Kodesh at times when it is inappropriate. Sometimes you just have to back away and let Hashem deal with His world the way that only He can. It doesn't make it any easier to figure out these tragedies, but it does instill the notion that it's not up to us to understand and will protect us from heresy and denial of Hashem's providence.

### Parashat Ahare Mot- Planting Our Spiritual Trees

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

The Torah in Parashat Kedoshim (Vayikra 19:23) commands that when Beneh Yisrael enter the land and plant trees, they must refrain from eating a tree's fruits during the first three years after it is planted. During these three years, the fruits are called "Orla" and are forbidden for consumption and for any sort of benefit.

The Or Ha'haim Ha'kadosh (Rav Haim Ben-Attar, 1696-1743) offers a remarkable interpretation of this verse, explaining that beyond introducing the prohibition of Orla, the Torah here also teaches us about the importance of producing children who are committed to Torah. The Torah tells us that when we go to Eretz Yisrael, our priority must be to "plant trees" - referring to producing students and scholars of Torah. The Or Ha'haim brings a number of sources where producing scholars is compared to planting a tree. For example, the Gemara (Shabbat 118b)

cites Rabbi Yossi's remark that he "planted five saplings," referring to his five sons, who grew to become Torah scholars. Similarly, Yeshayahu (65:22) compares his fellow sages to trees ("Ki'yemeh Ha'etz Yemeh Ami"). The Or Ha'haim proceeds to explain that those who study Torah are called "trees" because they sustain the souls of the Jewish Nation. To demonstrate this point, the Or Ha'haim references the famous story told of Rabbi Akiba, who once came across a man who was unclothed, his skin charred, carrying large amounts of wood. The man explained to Rabbi Akiba that he had died and been sentenced to Gehinam because of the evils he perpetrated during his lifetime. His punishment, he said, was to collect wood each day, which is then used to burn his soul. The only way he could be extricated from Gehinam and end his suffering, the man told Rabbi Akiba, is if he had a son reciting Barechu or Kaddish in the synagogue. This man had died when his wife was pregnant, and he did not know whether or not she had a son.

Rabbi Akiba immediately proceeded to inquire about this fellow, and determined that indeed, he had a son, but this son had not even received a Berit Mila, let alone a religious education. Immediately, Rabbi Akiba gave the young man a Berit Mila, and sat and taught him Torah. When the young man was ready, Rabbi Akiba brought him to the synagogue to recite Barechu. That night, the father appeared to Rabbi Akiba in a dream to inform him that he had been released from Gehinam.

The Or Ha'haim brings this story to show how producing youngsters who study and practice Torah resemble the planting of trees which produce nourishing fruit. Building a generation of men and women devoted to Torah is the way we sustain our nation, even the souls of the deceased.

May Hashem grant us His assistance in our efforts to "plant" beautiful "trees," to produce the next generation of devoted students of Torah, that will provide our nation with the spiritual sustenance that it needs to continue its sacred mission.





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18th of Iyar - Monday, May 8th, 2023  
Minha 7:30 followed by Steak Dinner and Desert

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